

program; and creating a part-time, temporary workforce of credentialed teachers to support struggling learners through the Response to Intervention program.

He credits former superintendents Glenn Burdick and Dennis Kellison as his mentors along the way.

Despite his employment in the division for 34 years, Leonard doesn't think he's changed. He says he still talks way too fast and veins still pop out on his neck when he believes in something strongly, such as making sure all students have a chance to be successful.

"I still have the same drive and belief in all students," he said.

Craig said his colleague's ability to make thoughtful decisions and to be active and decisive is unchanged, but his perspective has expanded.

"He thinks on almost a global perspective with the schools," he said. "Now he has the vision to be able to see the whole system and the challenges that could come later on."

Lynda Hickey, director of the instruction department, said Leonard always stayed the course in promoting the school's mission and vision of learning for all, challenged the staff members to be the best they could be and made students the heart of every decision.

Leonard's executive assistant Bonnie Stickley has worked with him for five years. She considers him a class act, funny and positive.

"I'm going to miss him," she said. "Not just as a boss, but as a friend."

Leonard said no single reason has spurred him to retire.

"I'm running out of energy," he said. "I want to leave at a time when my heart is still full of what my life's work has been: helping children, helping the next generation."

Leonard said he might eventually like to teach in higher education or help to run a small business in the private sector, but first he will spend a lot of time in waders.

"The first thing I'll do is fish for a while," he said. "And exercise a lot. Then I'll get back in the game. I just haven't decided what game that's going to be yet."

"For me, it's not necessarily retirement. It's more of a sabbatical."

Leonard and his wife Patty have three sons.

HONORING ARAGON, GEORGIA ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CHARTERING

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Aragon. Lying in the Coosa Valley of Northwest Georgia, in Polk County, Aragon was founded in 1899 as a mill site. The city of Aragon is a small, but hard working group of families who are proud of their heritage.

Whether it was named for the Hotel Aragon located on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia, where some of the Mill owners stayed when visiting the area, or whether it was named for the mineral aragonite that was mined nearby, the city of Aragon has been home to many dedicated men and women for over 115 years, even as the town has changed.

In recent years, even in the aftermath of the mill's destruction by fire in 2002, the people of Aragon have committed to remaining a city. It

is with this commitment that they commemorate July 23, 2014, as the 100th anniversary of their city charter being adopted, and then approved by Georgia's 60th Governor, John Slaton.

One hundred years later, Aragon's future shines brightly. This is not a city resting on its laurels after tragedy, but a city ready to meet tomorrow's challenges head on, remaining true to its motto "A Proud Past With A Promising Future".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, due to a death in my family, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 355, "yea."

On rollcall No. 356, "yea."

On rollcall No. 357, "nay."

On rollcall No. 358, "nay."

On rollcall No. 359, "yea."

HONORING JACQUE JOHANNES

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Jacque Johannes who is retiring after 27 years as a Department of Defense civilian with the United States Air Force.

She received an Associate of Arts in Education from Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas, in 1975 and her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas in 1977.

That same year, she married Don Johannes and began traveling the world and working for the DoD as the spouse of an active duty Air Force member. For her first jobs she worked as a substitute teacher in the Denver Public Schools system and then as a cashier for the base commissary.

In 1979, she moved with her husband to Hellenikon Athens, Greece and worked as a substitute teacher for the DoD schools and eventually as a clerk for the Hellenikon AFB Child Development Center.

In 1982, she moved again with her spouse to Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota where Jacque worked for the base commissary as a cashier. In 1984, she and her family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas and this is where she found her most rewarding career working with young children.

In 1988, she began teaching preschool for the evening classes at the Little Rock AFB Child Development Center. The next year, she became a full time preschool teacher and taught three and four year olds in the Air Force Preschool. In 1997, she became the first USDA/Resource & Referral for the Family Child Care (FCC) Program.

In 2000, Jacque was hired as the junior FCC Coordinator and during this time helped

to win the provider of the year for 2004. In 2005, she took over the lead coordinator's position and with the help of her fellow Coordinator, Jill Lund, she was able to train and establish the first three National Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accredited FCC providers at Little Rock AFB.

During her years as coordinator, Jacque's program was selected to be a test base for the Mildly Ill Program and the new AF Expanded Child Care Programs.

In 2007, with the hard work and dedication of Jacque, the FCC Program won AETC FCC Program of the Year for the first time since the inception of the child care programs at Little Rock AFB. When the program was under the AETC Majcom, Jacque was asked by AETC staff to mentor new providers.

She would also work closely with fellow coordinators from other bases to gain new ideas or find better ways to improve the FCC program at Little Rock.

Jacque has a love of music and especially enjoys singing. She is a member of Park Hill Christian Church Chancel Choir and also performs solos for special music functions and serves as Chairman of the Trustees for PHCC as well as serving on the Church Cabinet and Church Board. She is also a member of the Arkansas Chorale Society (ACS) where she sings in the Messiah and their spring concerts. During these concerts she has provided various solos. Jacque previously served on the Board of Directors for the ACS and as a judge for the Arkansas Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year in Little Rock.

Jacque sat on the planning committees for the annual Spring Family Fun festivals and the 4th of July celebrations. She along with her providers would have a game/information booth at the Fun Festival each year.

Jacque lives with her husband Don in Cabot, AR. Her children and grandchildren are the lights of her life. Jacque's sons, Josh and wife Jennifer along with their children Holt and Violet reside in Sherwood, and son Chris and wife Leah along with their children Aliden and Ava reside in North Little Rock. Her daughter Amanda and husband SSgt. Kevin Schroeder along with Amanda's daughter Aislinn Grubb are stationed in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Jacque also has a step-grandaughter, Sylvia Schroeder, who resides in Manhattan, KS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Jacque Johannes for her years of dedication and hard work.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,596,427,039,854.56. We've added \$6,969,549,990,941.48 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE DUCHOSSOIS

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of the nationally revered horseman and longtime supporter of equestrian rights, Bruce Duchossois, who passed away at the age of 64. The Chicago native's passion for horses and the sport of riding developed at a young age and was the impetus for much of his life's work.

Mr. Duchossois began riding hunters in the 1960s, and in 1973 rode his hunter, Kim's Song, to an American Horse Show Association Horse of the Year title. Throughout his career, Mr. Duchossois earned many awards for his talents and contributions. Most recently in May, he was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame and was honored with the Equestrian Aid Foundation Luminary Award.

Mr. Duchossois worked for the betterment of the sport in the U.S. on and off the field. He served as a member of the executive committee, as the chairman of the Development Committee, and as a trustee of the United States Equestrian Team Foundation for 16 years before becoming Vice President of the organization, which helps fund riding competitions. Mr. Duchossois also supported many nonprofit organizations such as Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center. He had donated a horse to the center every year since becoming involved, and even took care of their retired horses at his own barn.

The generosity and compassion of Mr. Duchossois was deeply felt by all who engaged with him, and he has made an unforgettable impact on the equestrian community of the United States. Together with his family and friends, we remember the enthusiastic, animal-loving, and carpe diem spirit of the life of Bruce Duchossois.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 I was not present to vote on H.R. 803, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been present to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 378, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING MARBLE BREWERY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Marble Brewery on their achievement during the 2014 World Beer Cup awards.

Twice a year the Brewers Association hosts this prestigious event featuring an array of

high-quality beers from across the globe. The 2014 competition was the largest yet, hosting a panel of 219 experts from 31 countries who conducted the blind tasting evaluations and judged 4,754 beers from 1,403 breweries in over 57 countries. Beers were judged in 91 categories ranging from "Coffee Beer" to "Wood- and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer" with the top three beers receiving gold, silver, and bronze medals.

I am honored to know that Albuquerque, New Mexico's very own Marble Brewery received the Gold in the "Kellerbier or Zwickelbier" category, beating out 59 entries from around the world. In 2008, Co-Founders Ted Rice, Jeff Jinnett, and John Gozigian first opened Marble Brewery in downtown Albuquerque, on First Street and Marble Avenue. Their mission then, and still today: to provide bold, hand-crafted ales and lagers to the southwest.

As a small locally owned manufacturing and service business Marble Brewery represents the prosperity of a burgeoning local craft beer industry in New Mexico. In fact, the successes of Marble Brewery can be directly attributed to Livability.com naming Albuquerque, New Mexico the number 1 beer city in the country for their "Top 10 Beer Cities" list. Marble Brewery is a testament to the contributions small businesses make to our country and the idea that with hard work and dedication nothing is unattainable.

Not only is Marble Brewery a thriving business in the heart of downtown Albuquerque, but they are an active and engaged partner in our local community. Marble Brewery supports fundraising efforts for dozens of organizations from the Downtown Growers Market, to the Hispanic Cultural Center, the Healthcare for the Homeless, and the Cancer and Lymphoma Society to name a few.

It was President Lincoln, who once said:

I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts, and beer.

To this day lawyers, government officials, business leaders, political icons, artists and students continue to enjoy exquisite beers in Marble's friendly atmosphere. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize Marble Brewery for their accomplishments in the 2014 World Beer Cup competition and commitment to our community at large. I am proud to know that we have a great business located in the First Congressional District of New Mexico.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the two hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Town of Wareham.

Wareham was first settled in 1678 by a group of brave men and women who embodied the true American spirit that is still celebrated today. Wareham was officially incorporated in 1739 and became known for its local expertise in shipbuilding and other indus-

tries supporting the shipping trade. The town's beauty was quickly realized as it soon became a place where many came to enjoy its scenic beaches on Buzzard's Bay and other waterways, including Buttermilk Bay.

The people of Wareham were emblematic of the American spirit and resolve during the War of 1812. At that time, Wareham was an enticing target for the British due to its shipbuilding expertise and ironworking abilities. In 1814, when the British warship HMS *Nimrod* was anchored in Buzzard's Bay off the coast of Wareham, the townspeople refused to pay tribute to the British in exchange for the cessation of gunfire from the mighty eighteen-gun ship. However, the residents of Wareham fought courageously and succeeded in repelling the British despite the large amount of damage done to the town.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 275th anniversary of Wareham. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

HONORING BEN CARLSON

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2014

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, this coming Sunday, July 13, 2014, family, friends, and admirers—they are legion—of Ben Carlson will gather in Newport Beach, California, to honor the memory of a local hero. Those gathered, many wearing the favored "aloha shirts" and beach wear of his beloved surfing community, will not, however, think of him simply as a local hero. His heroism inspires us universally. Just last Sunday he perished when he jumped out of a lifeguard boat to save a body surfer caught in a rip current. The surfer lived. Ben was overwhelmed by the sort of monster wave he had spent years conquering. His own body, its full measure exhausted, was found three hours later. The beach lifestyle, Mr. Speaker, is often treated in our popular culture as frivolous, superficial, pampered. Many Americans and visitors from abroad do find the Southern California coastline to be a special place for recreation and relaxation, a place to restore their spirits. Ben Carlson confounded that image. He was the classic rugged individualist of American lore and legend. With his high level of schooling in psychology, he could have advanced through more traditional careers in business, education, or whatever field beckoned him. He chose to follow his calling on the beach, where for a decade and a half he protected and saved the lives of countless shoreline visitors, thereby contributing beyond measure to our local bounty. Though his distinct profile was known to those who loved him, he blended perfectly into the beach culture. His livelihood came courtesy of his status as an internationally recognized surfer and his convivial service behind the bar at a popular fish taco restaurant. Ben created his primary identity as one who chose to save lives. In my book, that makes him all we may expect of a true American of whom we all may be proud.